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Fall 2008 Year End Report to Alumni and Friends

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Have an interest in learning more about the College. ?

The College of Social Sciences website (<http://coss.fsu.edu/>) is the place to go



The newly revised and updated College of Social Sciences website features all the latest happenings at the College including upcoming lectures through our three prestigious year round **Lecture Series**. Learn more about the lectures and watch and listen to one sometime by visiting the website.

The new website highlights each of our six academic departments and seventeen

interdisciplinary programs, centers, and institutes.

We encourage a visit to the expanded **About Us** section, which includes our mission statement, as well as our teaching and research priorities.

The **News and Events** section contains the faculty research profiles, department rankings, and other interesting information.

Check out the **Alumni Spotlight** page where we “spotlight” alumni of the College. We are always on the lookout for interesting and or noteworthy accomplishments from our alumni. If you know someone, who would be great for our page, let us know in the

comment section of the website. Give us their name and contact information if available and we will “spotlight” them.

Those wishing to know more about giving opportunities at the College can check the website to learn more about that. See and learn how private support (your support) can benefit the students in so many ways. We even make it easy by showing you ways to give to the college through the website.

The COSS annual report highlights the achievements of a vibrant first-class research college. Our day to day happenings are shown on our website, so check back often for the latest updates.

The website is the annual report that can be read every day of the year.

We always welcome your comments and suggestions by emailing jkallestad@fsu.edu.



**Submit Alumni
NEWS ITEMS**

We have begun working on a project which will allow alumni and friends to submit news items via the College website. We will keep you posted as we progress with this effort. We hope to have it up and running within the next few months.

If, in the future, you would like to submit news items, you may do so on the College website at www.coss.fsu.edu.



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COLLEGE of SOCIAL SCIENCES
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Investing in a Future of Outstanding Opportunities

Our Mission

The College of Social Sciences is dedicated to providing students with the highest quality instruction and performing first class research to serve society. Our students and faculty generate new knowledge that enhances discussion of important social, economic, and public policy issues and leads to innovations in industry, government, and non-profit organizations. We prepare our students for meaningful careers, advanced professional training, and an active role in public life.

*The College's strategic plan is build
on our existing strengths to:*

- transform the educational experience for our most outstanding students;
- expand our programs to help prepare tomorrow's leaders in business, politics, government, and the non-profit sector for a global society;
- build world class research and teaching programs focusing on issues related to equality of opportunity, aging, health, and environmental quality that are critical to the state of Florida and the nation;
- develop an international research and teaching program on the impact of culture, social and political institutions on equality of opportunity, economic growth, terrorism, and international relations; and
- use our path breaking research to generate innovative solutions to economic, political and social problems.





DEAR FRIENDS,

DAVID W.
RASMUSSEN
*Dean of the
College of
Social Sciences*



In February we launched the College's international dialogue initiative with a conference on "Building Bridges" among cultures. The conference, which featured President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, Saudi Minister of State Abdullah Alireza, and UN official Shamil Idress, was an impressive beginning to the Dialogue program that we hope will contribute to world progress and usher in a new era of international education in the College of Social Sciences.

The College's Pepper Center is playing the lead role in creating an Alliance Association of Colleges and Universities in support of the United Nation's "Alliance of Civilization" initiative. In this context we are creating two new programs within our International Affairs Program: a new undergraduate specialty called Dialogue and Development and a masters degree program that is targeted for young people who are projected to be leaders throughout the world. These programs aim to bring many more international students to Florida State, create seminars populated by students from various cultures, and stimulate study abroad among our students.

More FSU students need to study abroad. International academic experience is increasingly recognized as an important qualification when our young people enter the job market. International experience reveals individual initiative quite apart from the obvious expanding horizons that are important in our increasingly global economy. We are grateful for generous alumni and friends who have endowed foreign study scholarships. Hundreds of other alumni have contributed to our College Annual Fund that last year provided nine foreign study scholarships for students in locations as far away as China and Japan.

High among our priorities is providing more intense educational and career enhancing opportunities for our students. Freshmen have such an opportunity in our Social Science and Public Affairs Living Learning Center that is highlighted in this report. We are also experimenting with limited enrollment "capstone" courses that are available for high achieving juniors and seniors. Finally, we will be targeting outstanding undergraduate students for participation in a "2 degrees in 5 years" program that provides an undergraduate experience that will prepare them for one of our career enhancing applied masters degrees.

We have additional evidence that our faculty are among the nation's best. The Political Science Department was recently ranked 8th among public universities based on the success of its Ph.D. graduates in the academic job market. It is also in the top 10 in terms of faculty research productivity.

A new survey of Urban and Regional Planning departments shows FSU as a top 20 program and an outstanding 11th ranking in faculty productivity. Our department is listed among the nation's top programs in four areas: environmental planning, growth management, housing and public health.

Three outstanding faculty retired this year: from Sociology we lose prize winning teachers Patricia Martin and Jim Orcutt, and George Macesich left the classroom after 50 years of service in the Economics Department.

Florida State has been transformed in the last 10 to 15 years: the faculty is stronger, our physical plant and campus has grown with a massive construction campaign, each freshman class is stronger than the last, and our graduate programs have received much more acclaim than a decade ago. I hope you will join us for our November 15th homecoming party that will be in front of the Bellamy Building and begin three hours before kickoff. I look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes,

David W. Rasmussen, Dean



Faculty honored with teaching awards and grants

2007-08 University Teaching Award

Joseph Calhoun, Lecturer in Economics, was awarded a 2007-08 University Teaching Award. This award recognizes teaching excellence as multi-faceted, involving areas such as providing a positive role model to students, imparting a respect for truth and a love of learning, and challenging students' thinking and assumptions. Joe also received a \$10,000 prize for winning the competitive "Economic

Communicators Award" from the Association of Private Enterprise Education.

Seven other faculty were nominated by students to receive the University Teaching Award. They are **Paul Beaumont** (Economics), **Francis Berry**, **Kaifeng Yang** and **Earl Klay** (Askew School of Public Administration and Policy), **Woody Carlson** and **Koji Ueno** (Sociology), and **Mark Horner** (Geography).



National Science Foundation grants awarded

During the 2007-08 academic year the prestigious National Science Foundation announced that eight grants totaling \$585,000 were awarded to College of Social Sciences faculty. Awardees were Cherie Maestas, Charles Barrilleaux and John Scholz (Political Science), David Cooper, Tim Salmon and Donald Schlagenhauf (Economics), and Jon Stallins and James Elsner (Geography).



Guardian of the Flame Award

Kathryn Tillman, Assistant Professor of Sociology, received the Guardian of the Flame Award for outstanding teaching and support of students. An FSU student organization, Burning Spear, gives this annual award to one faculty member in each college.

Selected for membership in National Academy of Social Insurance

The National Academy of Social Insurance announced that Associate Professor of Political Science **Jason Barabas** has been selected for membership. The Academy is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization made up of the nation's leading experts on social insurance.



2007-08 University Undergraduate Advising Award

Robbin Hand was selected to receive the 2007-08 University Undergraduate Advising Award. Robbin, an Academic Program Specialist in Sociology, received this award in recognition of her knowledge of the curriculum and effective communication with students about academic issues and career options.



Jason Barabas

Joe Calhoun

Kathryn Tillman

Amanda Stone wins international award

"In extracurricular activities, Florida State's emphasis on service citizenship and leadership have encouraged and structured my development. Through the act of volunteering in Florida and abroad I have widened my understanding of the social issues that must be addressed by my generation and it has instilled in me a passion for helping others. This is the power of FSU and I am so grateful to be a product of the university."

Student Award Winners

Political Science major **Amanda Woods**'s plan to reduce oil dependence earns \$10,000 in national contest.

An essay contest sponsored by a leading U.S. environmental organization asked students at colleges and universities across the nation to draft a renewable energy plan for America. Hundreds did so, and on **Earth Day 2008**, the entry from Florida State University student Amanda Woods was declared a winner.

Woods, 19, of Jacksonville, Fla., a sophomore political science major at FSU, was one of three top essayists announced on April 22 by the Presidential Forum on Renewable Energy (PFRE), which sponsored the competition. The other two hail from Princeton University and the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Each will earn a \$10,000 cash prize from PFRE.



Amanda Woods

Amanda Stone graduated in May 2008 with a BA in Political Science and History and is the recipient of the **Rotary International Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholarship** allowing her to pursue her Master's Degree at Oxford University. Through the help of FSU's Office of National Fellowships, the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and the Honors Office, Stone has embarked upon three other fully funded international field research excursions.

The recipient of the **2007**

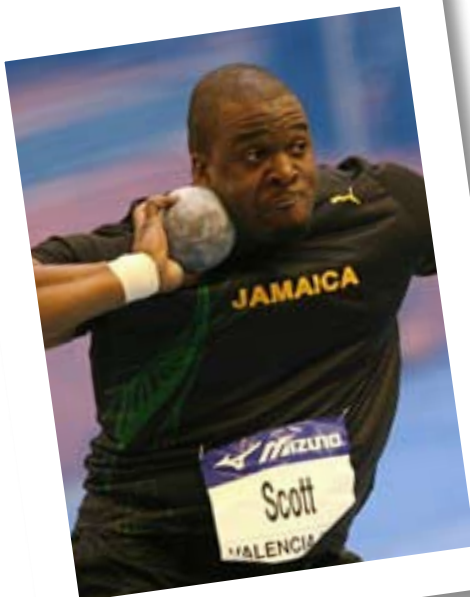
Humanity in Action Fellowship, she researched minority issues in France and as the 2007 Relatives for Justice Research Intern she spent the winter holidays in Belfast analyzing records of British aggression. Stone also spent ten weeks in Uganda researching women's rights. The material she gathered provided the basis for her Honors in the Major project with Political Science Professor **Will Moore**.

Stone has been an active public servant, earning the **President's Humanitarian of the Year Award** in 2007.



Amanda Stone

Social Sciences well represented in Beijing Olympics



Senior **Ricardo Chambers** represented Jamaica in Beijing as a member of the Olympic team. The social sciences major competed in the 400 meter run. Joining him were two recent graduates from the same program. **Walter Dix** B.S. ('08) was the bronze medalist in both the 100 and 200 meter events while **Dorian Scott** ('07) represented Jamaica in the shot put. We honor them for these accomplishments that require dedication, perseverance and hard work. These are the virtues that our best students bring to their studies at Florida State in preparation for outstanding career contributions in athletics, the private sector, government service, the non-profit organizations.

FSU Student body president Joseph O'Shea is Rhodes Scholar

At age 21, Florida State University senior and Student Body President **Joseph O'Shea** had founded a free health clinic in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward, led a coalition for healthcare reform in Leon County, and co-founded an international service-based exchange program for students worldwide.

Now, O'Shea can add "Rhodes Scholar" to his already exceptional resume.

On Nov. 17, 2007 the dynamic campus and community leader became one of the 32 U.S. college students selected as Rhodes Scholars this year. An FSU Honors Program student with majors in philosophy and interdisciplinary social sciences and a 4.0 grade point average, O'Shea rose to the top of an extraordinary field of finalists during a grueling application and interview process that demands months of preparation and practice.

The Rhodes Scholarship funds up to three years of undergraduate or post-graduate study in England at the Oxford University. It is the oldest international study award available to American students and widely considered the most prestigious of its kind.

O'Shea is the second College of Social Sciences student to be named a Rhodes Scholar; he joins student-athlete **Garrett Johnson** who received the honor in 2005.

"The entire FSU community joins me in congratulating Joe O'Shea for a stellar record of achievement that will reverberate into the future not only across this campus and community but also throughout our nation and around the globe," said FSU President T.K. Wetherell.

Then there's the Truman Scholarship. In March 2007 that highly prestigious national fellowship was awarded to O'Shea in recognition of his outstanding leadership potential and community service. As a Truman Scholar, he'll receive \$30,000 toward the completion of a graduate-level

degree at the institution of his choosing in exchange for public service work for three of the seven years afterwards.

With two top national scholarships in hand, O'Shea intends to first earn a Rhodes-funded Master of Philosophy degree in Comparative Social Policy at

Oxford, then a Truman-funded law degree.

Not surprisingly, he envisions a career dedicated to public service.

Garrett Johnson



Joe O'Shea



COSS Living-Learning Community Concludes Ninth Year

Residents of FSU's Social Science & Public Affairs Living-Learning Community (SSPALLC) do more than just study the social sciences. They live them.

Since 1999, the SSPALLC has provided a home for first-year students interested in understanding and impacting the world in which they live, at the local, national, and global scales.

In addition to living together in newly renovated

DeGraff Hall, SSPALLC residents enroll in an academic program with three components. In the Public Affairs Colloquium, students view topical feature films, read related newspaper articles and blog postings, and engage in small group discussions led by the program's staff.

Students also attend a number of presentations from sponsored speakers, many of whom are brought in from beyond Tallahassee specifically to speak to the living-learning community. In 2007-2008, these speakers ranged from Strozier Library's James Rhoades discussing research tools in the social sciences, to filmmaker Georg Koszulinski showing and discussing his documentary on Florida history

and politics, to University of Georgia professor Hilda Kurtz discussing the environmental and political impacts of the United States' food system. To maximize the beneficial impact to the FSU community, speakers brought in from out of town also have been asked to give research colloquia for graduate students and faculty in relevant departments in the College. In the past two years, this program has provided guest speakers to the Departments of Geography, Political Science, and Urban & Regional Planning, as well as co-sponsoring events with the Departments of Communications and History and other living-learning communities.

Finally, students enroll in one



of several “in-house” courses that are taught in the residence hall’s classroom. These courses, which are special sections of offerings from the Economics, Geography, Political Science, and Sociology Departments, are restricted to SSPALLC residents. Enrollment in each class is limited to 20 students, providing an opportunity for first-year students to interact with faculty.

These three components of the living-learning community, taken together, impart students with a self-confidence and academic background that leaves them unusually well prepared for a major in the social

sciences and for citizenship beyond graduation. As resident Susannah Hall remarks, “The LLC has been a great experience. I feel like I can now make the most of my major (international affairs), and I’ve made great connections that will help me when I graduate!”

While formal academic programming is part of what makes the LLC experience special, Dr. Phil Steinberg, the community’s director, feels that perhaps the greatest benefit of living in the SSPALLC is the intellectual community that arises spontaneously. “There’s

this energy that occurs when 38 students with similar interests live together and take classes together,” says Steinberg. “Students feel comfortable with each other and they start

talking. In fact, the toughest part of running the community is that political passions can get too intense, as debates between suitemates leak into classroom discussions and vice versa.”

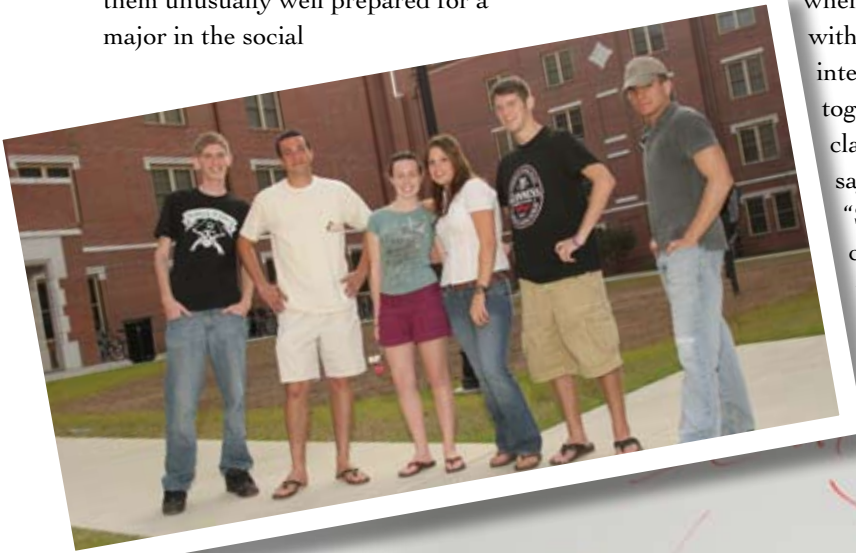
“But,” he concludes, “that’s a wonderful problem to have.”

Dr. Phil Steinberg

Dr. Phil Steinberg, Associate Professor of Geography and Director of the Social Science & Public Affairs Living-Learning Community, has been at FSU since 1997. In addition to his primary interests in human geography (he has authored or co-authored books on ocean governance, internet management, and urban theory), he has a long-standing interest in teaching techniques and pedagogical practice. He designed and taught the College of Social Sciences’ first on-line course and has published several articles on pedagogy in geographic and environmental education as well as co-authoring the *People in Places* introductory geography workbook series.

The opportunity to direct the living-learning community arose as Steinberg was concluding a research fellowship at the University of California, Santa Cruz. “The chance to do research full-time was great,” Steinberg says, “but it made me realize how much I value working with undergraduates. Then this opportunity came along where, in addition to teaching undergraduates, I could be designing programs that would expose them to the many opportunities and analytical angles available in the social sciences.”

“I think of my duties with the LLC as one-third instructor, one-third curriculum coordinator, and one-third social worker,” Steinberg said.



SOCIOLOGY turns 90

Founded in 1918, the department of Sociology has evolved as FSU grew from a State College for Women into the national research university it is today. The Sociology department inaugurated its PhD program in 1954 and by 1968 it had grown to its present size with approximately 22 full-time faculty members.

DEPARTMENT CHAIRS



Irene Padavic (2007-)



Pat Martin (2004-2007)



Ike Eberstein (1996-2004)

The department of Sociology has expanded tremendously and is currently home to 42 full time and 16 part time graduate students who are specializing in one of the department's four major areas: Social Demography, Health and Aging, Social Psychology and Inequalities and Social Justice. The department's first chair, Raymond F. Bellamy, served for 32 years and caused quite an uprising among legislators, colleagues and local ministers. Often accused of teaching controversial material and being a "Damn Yankee" Bellamy was sanctioned many times but FSU President Conradi refused to fire him. Bellamy actively fostered a critical perspective on society and never avoided controversial issues, thus establishing the principles which our faculty affirm and embody today. In his honor, the Sociology department and the College of Social Sciences are currently housed in the building bearing Bellamy's name.

Following in the tradition of instigating change by challenging convention, our faculty and students are known for publishing high quality

research that speaks to pressing social issues. The 2005 US News rankings place FSU 42nd among sociology departments and 27th among public universities. It was 10th among all departments in the specialty area of Sex and Gender and 14th in the area of Sociology of Population. The stature of FSU Sociology faculty members can be further tracked by the national awards and recognitions that they have received in recent years. Collectively, between 2001 and 2005, sociology faculty members received a grand total of 38 awards for research, averaged eight presentations, and served as officers and committee members for national, international, and regional professional sociological associations. Furthermore, much of the department's research addresses important policy issues which has resulted in our faculty obtaining substantial external support. In the 2006 fiscal year, the department was awarded over \$6.5 million in grants, half of which were federal.

The department's intellectual community is vibrant and it has hired outstanding young faculty in recent years. The new Chair, Irene Padavic, and the new Director of Graduate Studies, John Reynolds, ensure that students and faculty experience many opportunities for intellectual exchange. In addition to regular department-sponsored colloquia, both the Pepper Institute on Aging and the Center for Demography and Population Health—with which many faculty are affiliated—offer regular speaker series and seminars. FSU scholars bring their expertise to the graduate and undergraduate classrooms, and many have won university-wide teaching and mentoring awards.

We have come a long way here at FSU since 1918, and we eagerly anticipate many more years of progress! By visiting us at www.fsu.edu/~soc you can stay up-to-date with developments in our department as it moves into its 10th decade.

FAT...The new norm?



Frank Heiland, an assistant professor of Economics, has co-authored the paper "Social Dynamics of Obesity" with Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Economist Mary Burke. Published in a recent edition of the *Economic Inquiry*, the paper presents the "social multiplier" theory which argues that as the average weight of the population increases, the societal perspective of normal body size also changes.

Suggesting that people eat more and thereby gain more weight as the price of food drops, Heiland has created a mathematical model of how economic, biological and social factors affect the aggregate body weight distribution. It is one of the first studies to suggest that the changes in weight norms are not driven by beauty or medical standards.

Using research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Heiland proposes the idea that there is a gap between the cultural imagery of body weight and the body weight that is

considered culturally acceptable. The research reports that in 1994 the women's self-reported real weight was 147lbs while their ideal weight was 132lbs. In 2002 the average woman's weight jumped to 153lbs while her desired weight jumped to 135lbs. Heiland believes that this increase in women's desired weight not only suggests less social pressure to loose weight but also contradicts the idealized thinness of pop culture.



**The Bridging
Civilizations Conference
held on February 11,
2008 was hosted by the
College's Claude Pepper
Center for Intercultural
Dialogue.**

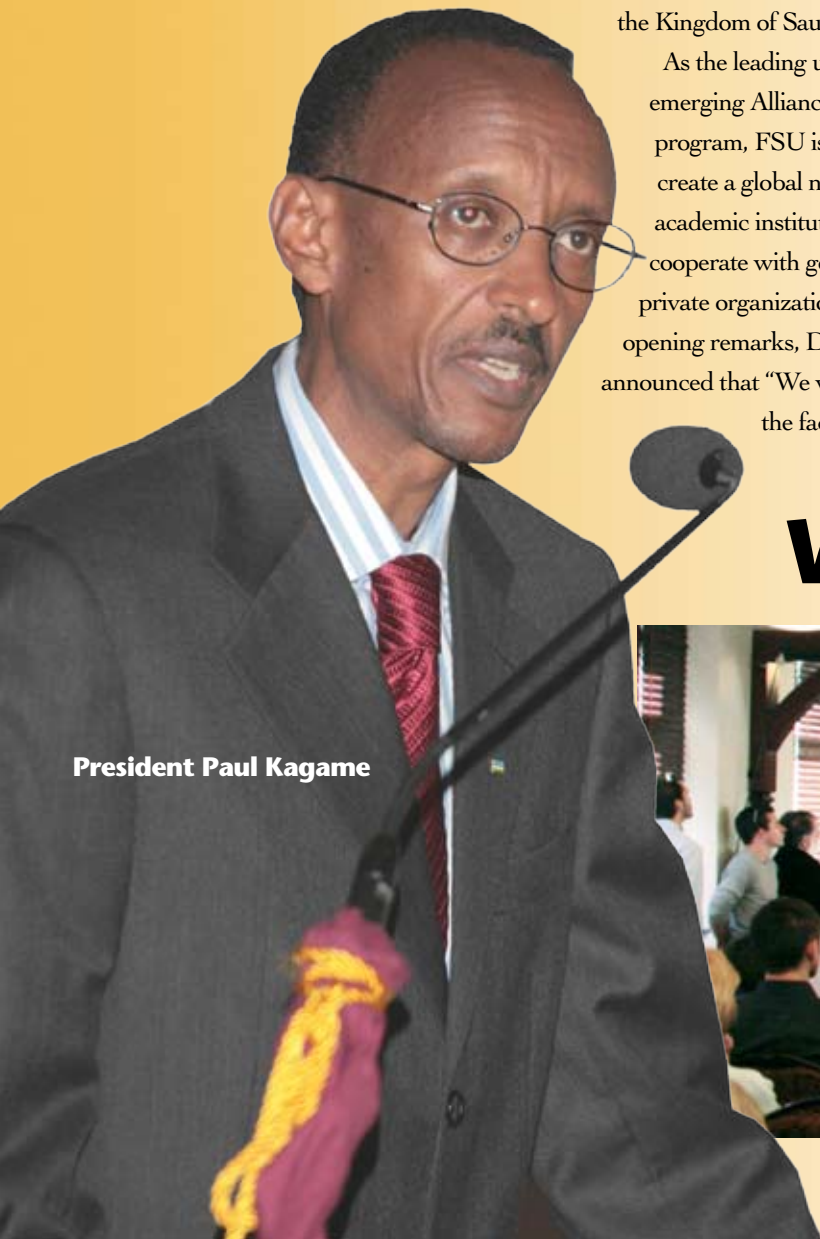
It was the inaugural event for FSU's dialogue initiative that will support the United Nations's Alliance of Civilization and their efforts to promote a global 'climate of dialogue.' Featured speakers included Shamil Idriss, Deputy Director of the Office of the Alliance of Civilizations for the United Nations, His Excellency Paul Kagame, the President of the Republic of Rwanda, and His Excellency Abdullah A. Alireza, Minister of State in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

As the leading university in the emerging Alliance of Civilizations program, FSU is looking to create a global network of academic institutions that cooperate with government and private organizations. During his opening remarks, Dean Rasmussen announced that "We want to change the face of education,

expanding it beyond the walls of academia and developing intellectually rigorous seminars that are designed to engage students from diverse cultures and to foment a genuine dialogue."

Shamil Idriss, Deputy Director of the Office of the Alliance of Civilizations for the United Nations, explained the goals of the Alliance of Civilizations and spoke of the important role FSU will play in establishing worldwide partnerships. The Alliance is based on a 2006 U.N. report that identified four issues that inflame intercultural conflict: inequality in education, the polarization effect of modern media, unemployment among youth, and migration trends.

His Excellency Abdullah A. Alireza, Minister of State in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, ended the conference by discussing the power and importance of positive relationships between the Muslim, Arab



President Paul Kagame

World Leaders Att



“Crimes committed in the name of religion are humanity’s greatest disgrace, no religion has ever preached hate. Islam does not support terrorists; it supports human dignity, peace and prosperity.”

~ Abdullah Alireza

and American communities. Combining passion with a sharp wit, Alireza addressed the issues that have lead to the degradation of relationships between cultures, the most notable of which Alireza referred to as the “extremist intellectual terrorist”. Extremist intellectual terrorists are those, according to Alireza, who continue to depict polarized representations of cultures. Polarization breeds intolerance and xenophobia making people wary of change by instilling the fear of being persecuted for their culture. As Alireza said, “while common sense tells us one billion people cannot be terrorists” the media’s habit of stereotyping puts an even greater strain on already stressed relationships.

Change, however, cannot be forced. Alireza foresees that programs like FSU’s Bridging Civilizations initiative can revolutionize cultural relations. By fostering good will through cooperation

and dialogues these programs will establish what Alireza refers to as “soft power,” the moral authority to convince people to listen without forgetting to hear what they are saying.

The conference was an immense success and received a great deal of press coverage. Picked up not only by all the major newspapers in Florida, it was covered by news groups in Canada, France, Austria, the Middle East and Africa. With an end goal that is far from modest, the immense task which FSU has chosen to undertake can be best summed up by Abdullah Alireza, “We are not creating an Alliance of Civilizations; we are creating an Alliance for Civilizations. Human civilization is the one thing we all have in common and we need to banish ignorance forever.”



Minister of State Alireza and Monsignor William Kerr

“...everyone can be friends, the Christians and Muslims. And yes, even the Gators and Seminoles.”

~Abdullah Alireza

end Pepper Center Conference



Rwandan President Receives Spirit of Pepper Award

During the Bridging Civilizations conference, Rwanda President Paul Kagame was presented with the second annual Spirit of Pepper Award. The Pepper Award created by the Pepper Center honors outstanding members of the global community who continually demonstrate the same qualities and ideals of public service as the late Senator Claude Pepper.

Sworn into the presidency in 2000, Kagame was re-elected during the 2003 first-ever democratically contested multiparty election. Born in Rwanda, Kagame fled the country as a child and became a refugee in Uganda. In 1990, Kagame returned to Rwanda after 30 years in exile to lead the Rwandan Patriotic Army in the struggle for the liberation of Rwanda. Under his leadership Rwanda saw an end to the genocide.

President Kagame's administration successfully repatriated 3.5 million refugees, established the Unity and Reconciliation and Human Rights Commissions and began the reintegration of former Hutu soldiers into Rwandan society. Rwanda has also seen economic advancement. With guidance from the World Bank, the government has applied a sweeping program of free market reforms to the economy.

Education has also been a high priority for President Kagame. Prior to his Presidency, Rwanda had only one university with one thousand students that was dedicated to indoctrination and the promotion of social conflict.

President Kagame has made education cheaper and more accessible to the public. With a strong focus on math, science, and technology Rwanda now has greatly expanded its university system.

President Kagame has been recognized by many African and international organizations for his

work in promoting peaceful solutions to conflict in the region, economic development of the African continent, and the economic and political advancement of women. He recently received the "Abolitionist of the Year 2007" award after Rwanda abolished the death penalty.

*"A society at peace with itself will develop.
And education is the tool that broadens the basic values
of respect, tolerance, and unity and this is what allows
us to transcend cultural and national boundaries."*

—President Paul Kagame



Building Bridges

Famous for their creativity, cost-effective and innovative construction techniques, the Tallahassee based Figg Engineering Group (FIGG) is a world renowned engineering firm specializing in the construction of bridges. In spirit with FIGG's philosophy of "creating bridges as art" President **Linda Figg**

has pioneered a unique community consensus program, Design Charettes, which fosters input from members of the local community on design elements for their bridge.

FIGG bridges have received over 253 awards for aesthetics and innovation, including not one but three of the

highly coveted Presidential Awards for Design Excellence through the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Figg family believes that the physical act of building a bridge is representative of the connections which can be made between communities. This commitment led the Figg Engineering Group to be the principal corporate sponsor of the Bridging Civilizations Conference. Linda Figg said that "Every bridge begins with a story and every story begins with people talking, learning from each other and realizing that those who live on the other side of the bridge share their same hopes for connection, community, and peace. While FIGG bridges literally join two places that had once been separate, we salute the larger vision of linking communities globally and creating new, human bridges through understanding and respect."



The second Conference on Intercultural Dialog will take place in Orlando, Florida on February 26-28, 2009. For information call the Pepper Center at (850) 644-9333 or go to www.claudepeppercenter.fsu.edu.

Grad Made Good

Manuel H. Johnson



Manuel H. Johnson has been named a Grad Made Good for 2008. He received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from FSU in 1974 and 1977 respectively. Dr. Johnson became co-chairman and senior partner in the investment and consulting firm of Smick Medley International in September 1990. At that time, the name was changed to Johnson Smick International, Inc. (JSI). JSI invests with money management funds and provides information services on important economic and political policy changes in major countries that impact global financial institutions located throughout the world.

Prior to assuming his current duties, Dr. Johnson was Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System where he served for four and a half years beginning in February 1986. While at the Fed, Johnson presided over one of the most stable economic periods in the post-World War II era. His responsibility for

international operations and financial crisis management involved him in some of the most dramatic events of the 1980s.

Dr. Johnson served as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury 1982-1986, and Deputy Assistant Secretary 1981-1982. While at the Treasury, Dr. Johnson was responsible for the formulation of economic policy initiatives and development of the Administration's economic forecast for the budget. He was also instrumental in designing the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 and the Tax Reform Act of 1986, which represents the most comprehensive change in U. S. tax law in our history. His performance at the Treasury won him the Alexander

Hamilton Award, the department's highest honor.

From 1977 to 1994, Dr. Johnson was a professor of economics at George Mason University where he held the Koch Chair in International Economics.

Dr. Johnson's academic research and writing have been concentrated in the area of political economy and public policy. He is the author and co-author of five books and has published over 50 articles in academic journals and other publications. In addition to his writings, Dr. Johnson has edited a professional journal, served on three presidential and congressional commissions, and is on several corporate and non-profit boards of directors.

Dr. Johnson is married. He and his wife Mary are the parents of two children and reside in Upperville, Virginia and Vero Beach, Florida. The Johnson's have actively supported the economics department by endowing the Manuel and Mary Johnson Graduate Fellowship Fund.

Distinguished Alumni: Clyda & George Rent



This year we have co-recipients of our COSS distinguished alumni award that is presented at our annual Homecoming party. Clyda and George Rent's individual careers are a mirror of each other. They both earned Ph.D.s from our sociology department, served as tenured full professors, were high level university administrators, are now jointly running a successful consulting company, and are active community members in Charlotte, NC.

Clyda S. Rent spent 17 years at Queens University of Charlotte, North Carolina where she served as a dean and vice president. She is President Emerita of Mississippi University for Women, serving from 1989 to 2001 and was the first woman to serve as a university president in Mississippi.

Dr. Rent has been a leader in many organizations, serving on the board of directors of the American Association for Colleges and Universities, the Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and the Commission on Women of the American Council of Education. She has actively served her community by being a leader in the Charlotte area United Way, the Children's Miracle Network, and numerous other organizations.

In 2000, she was honored by the International Women's forum as one of 11 "Women Who Make a Difference."

George S. Rent has over 35 years experience in higher education. He was on the faculty at the University of North

Carolina at Charlotte where he served as president of the faculty council. Since then he served as the Associate Provost at Mississippi State University and has been a consultant to the U.S. Office of Higher Education, the National Science Foundation, and United Family Services in Charlotte.

Dr. Rent is a highly valued resource to his community. He has been appointed to a municipal advisory committee and served

on board of the Council of Children, the Council for Christians and Jews, and was named to the board of a major hospital.

Clyda and George are the principals of the Rent Consulting Group that is dedicated to assisting in the challenging processes of discovering and fulfilling the ever expanding potential of organizations and individuals. They focus on executive search, organization and leadership development, and strategic planning and marketing.

Ruth and Shepard Broad

International Lecture Series

Landrum Bolling, *Senior Advisor to Mercy Corps*

"The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict and its Poisonous Side Effects:
Is There a Way Out?"

September 13, 2007

Barbara Stowasser, *Director, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University*

"Old Shayhks, Young Women, and the Internet:
The (Re)Writing of Women's Political Rights in Islam"

September 21, 2007

Azouz Begag, *French Minister for Equal Opportunity, 2005-07*

"The Politics of Anti-Racism in France: Lessons from Government"

October 18, 2007

Pierre Joxe, *Former French Interior and Defense Minister*

"Beyond National Sovereignty: The French Government and Globalization"

February 18, 2008

Eboo Patel, *Executive Director, Interfaith Youth Core*

"The Faith Line: The Need for a Different Conversation on Religion"

February 22, 2008

Florence Ashbey, Lynne Olson, Stanley Cloud, Laird Anderson



Anderson Ashby Lecture Series

Lynne Olson, *journalist and author*

"Not Playing the Game: The Rebels who brought
Churchill to Power and Helped Save England"

October 11, 2007

Stanford Ungar, *President, Goucher College*

"Finding Our Way in the World—
How will we learn more when we are being taught less?"

January 24, 2008



DEPARTMENT NEWS

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Economics

Award winning students and faculty

A large number of outstanding students have been recognized for their accomplishments. **The Bill Peterson Endowed Scholarship** for Distinguished Undergraduate Economics Majors was awarded to **Benjamin Cerniglia** in Fall 2007 and to **Alice Brown** in Spring 2008, while the **Reva Daniels Metzinger Endowed Scholarship** for Undergraduate Economics Majors was won by **Christina Piper** in the Fall and **Patrick Ayers** in the Spring. Choosing who should receive these scholarships is becoming increasingly difficult since we had 412 undergraduate majors at the beginning of the year, up from 125 in 1998.

The department also has a very strong group of graduate students to choose among for our major awards. **The Charles E Rockwood Award** for the outstanding graduate teaching assistant was given to two excellent teachers, **Krista Jabs** and **Pam Dowd**. **Wuttipan Tantivong** won the **Irvin & Peggy Sobel Award** for the outstanding graduate student and received a **Manley Johnson dissertation fellowship** for the summer. **The James H. Gapinski Award** for outstanding academic achievement by a first year student went to **Cortney Rodet**. The Fall 2007 entering graduate students in our Ph.D. and Applied Masters programs were probably the largest the department has had, and the fall 2008 class is even bigger.

The Department welcomed one new Assistant Professor, **Hyejin Ku**, in the Fall of 2007. Hyejin, who received her Ph.D. from Cornell University, specializes in development economics. In addition, **John Lightle** joined us this fall. John recently earned his Ph.D. from Ohio State University and specializes in experimental economics.

Economics faculty members continue to be recognized for their success on the research front. During 2007-08, their research has appeared in most of the discipline's premier journals. Faculty being honored for their academic achievements include **Randy Holcombe** who is serving his second year as President of the Public Choice Society. **Jim Gwartney** is the President of the Southern Economic Association and he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Francisco Marroquin University in Guatemala. **Don Schlagenhauf** was invited to spend the Fall of 2007 at the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank. **Bruce Benson** was asked to serve as a Visiting Research Fellow by the American Institute for Economic Research in June 2008, and he received the "Liberty in Theory 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award" at the Libertarian Alliance Conference in London, England.

Don Schlagenhauf also continues to be supported by a National Science Foundation grant, as does **Mark Isaac**, **Tim Salmon**, and **David Cooper**, who also has a grant from the Kaufman Foundation. **Tim Sass** has obtained a second large grant from the U.S. Department of Education, bringing his total grant funding from the DOE to over \$1.6 million. **David Macpherson**, **Stefan Norrbin**, and **Tom McCaleb**

are working together on a research project funded by the Florida Legislature, and **Jim Cobbe** spent the 2007-08 academic year in Vietnam supported by a Fulbright Grant. In addition, **Farasat Bokhari** is a co-investigator with a researcher in FSU's medical school on a recently approved grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, **Frank Heiland** is a co-investigator on a grant from the Social Security Administration, and **Keith Ihlanfeldt** has funding from the Lincoln Land Institute.

Mark Isaac was awarded a grant from the Koch Foundation to develop a new course on The Economics of Compassion.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Sociology

High Rankings, National Recognitions

Sociology has garnered several accolades over the past year. National attention followed the *Chronicle of Higher Education* publication of results of a Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index in which FSU Sociology's 9-faculty member Health and Aging program ranked 6th in the nation when compared to other departments of sociology.

Patricia Yancey Martin was placed on the Southern Sociological Society's Roll of Honor, the greatest recognition given by the organization. This award recognizes a career of distinguished intellectual contribution to Sociology and goes to an SSS member who has made stellar contributions to the discipline across their career.

Several faculty members have been appointed or elected to prestigious positions at the national level. **Jay Turner** is a member of the Social Psychology and Interpersonal Processes review panel for NIH, **Ike Eberstein** is on the Population Sciences Committee of the NICHD, **Jill Quadagno** is a member of the American Sociological Association's [ASA] W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Academy of Social Insurance, **Irene Padavic** was elected to the ASA's Nominations Committee, **Anne Barrett** was elected secretary of the ASA's Aging & Lifecourse section, **Robin Simon** was elected chair of the Nominations Committee of the ASA's Medical Sociology Section and secretary-treasurer of the ASA Mental Health Section, **Kathryn Tillman** was elected to the Board of Directors of the Southern Demographic Association, and **Ike Eberstein** was elected to the Board of Directors of the Society of Biodemography and Social Biology.

Two of our graduate students were honored at the FSU Celebration of

Graduate Student excellence, where **Irene Padavic** delivered the keynote address. **Carolyn Sawtell** won FSU's 2008 Leadership Award (only one of which is awarded annually) and **Jessi Bishop** won a 2008 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Carolyn is starting a job as an Assistant Professor at the University of West Georgia, and Jessi recently returned from a summer research trip to Malawi. Several students earned their PhDs this past year and have begun careers in academia and in the private sector.

The department has undergone many transitions. Last spring we said goodbye to **Patricia Martin**, who has been on the faculty since 1969, and to **Jim Orcutt**, who has been here since 1972. They have shepherded thousands of undergraduate and graduate students through our programs, have authored scores of articles in the discipline's top journals, and have mentored dozens of students. The university has awarded them both Emeriti status. **Doug Schrock** was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, and **Annette Schwabe** was promoted to Associate in Sociology. We also are pleased to announce a new faculty member, Assistant Professor **Miles Taylor**, who studies disability trajectories among older adults, life course processes and health, social epidemiology, and health disparities.

She joins us from UNC where she has been on a post doc after having completed her Ph.D. at Duke University.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Political Science

A year of Growth

Last year, 350 students graduated with a Bachelors degree in political science. Our productivity continues to rank political science as one of the top five majors at Florida State University. If you are one of our new undergraduate alumni, congratulations!

With interest in our Applied American Politics Masters program exploding, more and more of our undergraduates are deciding to remain at FSU and pursue a Masters that provides them with the background to work in political campaigns, lobbying and consulting, and government.

Our doctoral program continues to be one of the most successful in the country. A recent national report ranked all Ph.D.-granting departments in the United States in terms of their record of placing their graduates in professorial positions at universities and colleges. Based on this study, our department ranked eighth among all departments at public universities in placing our Ph.D. graduates in academic positions. To read more, go to polisci.fsu.edu/news. And this record of achievement continues. This year all eight of our doctoral students/graduates searching for positions accepted faculty offers in either Ph.D.-granting departments at universities such as Emory, Kansas State and Southern Illinois or strong undergraduate institutions such as Illinois Wesleyan University.

Of course, none of these accomplishments would be possible without our extraordinary faculty.



Their teaching and research ranks this department as one of the most productive in the country. Over the last year, faculty members have received two major program enhancement grants from the university. The first provides for the establishment of the Center for the Study of Democratic Performance, while the second will support the research of faculty using experimental methods to test voter mobilization strategies. Faculty also continue to be successful in obtaining nationally-competitive grants. Most recently, Professors **John Scholz, TK Ahn, Charles Barrilleaux, Jennifer Jerit** and **Jason Barabas** received multi-year grants from the National Science Foundation.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Geography

A year of transition

The Geography Department said goodbye to four faculty members; **Barney Warf, Jonathan Leib, Dan Klooster**, and **Jan Kodras**. Barney is moving on to the University of Kansas, Jonathan to Old Dominion in Virginia, Dan to the University of Redlands in California and Jan is retiring. We will miss their many contributions to



Symposium honors professor Tom Dye

Last February the College hosted a symposium to honor a former faculty member, Dr. **Thomas R. Dye**. A Professor of Political Science from 1968 to 1997, Professor Dye's research and teaching made him one of the most visible members of the department. The author of numerous books and articles on American government and public policy, he received career achievement awards from the American Political Science Association for his contributions to two fields of study: public policy and federalism. During his time at FSU, Professor Dye served as the McKenzie Professor of Government and directed the Policy Sciences Center within the College. His courses focused on public policy and American government, and if you were a student during those years, you probably took a course from Professor Dye.

The symposium brought back students who worked with him and have gone on to successful careers at universities throughout the United States. Each spoke of the effect Professor Dye had on their own research as well as his influence on the discipline of political science. Of special note was a tribute by one his former students, Dr. James Ammons, President of Florida A&M University, who spoke of Professor Dye's influence on both his personal and professional development.

As academics, our legacies are based upon the students we teach and the research we produce. The symposium provided ample evidence of Professor Thomas Dye's remarkable legacy in both.

the department and wish them well in the next step of their careers and lives. **Kelly Watson** and **Luis Sanchez**, recently graduated doctoral students, will help cover classes this year as we search for new permanent faculty.

We are pleased to announce that **Jim Elsner** is the new holder of the **Earl and Sophia Shaw Professorship**. The financial benefits will support his internationally-acclaimed work on the stochastic behavior of hurricanes. Specifically, Elsner is involved in exploring why Atlantic tropical cyclones are getting stronger on average, possibly with a trend that has been related to an anthropogenic increase in oceanic heat content over the North Atlantic. However, over the rest of the tropics, trends in tropical cyclone intensity have been less clearly identified due to the unreliability of the observational record and to a strict focus on average intensity changes. Elsner's work overcomes these two limitations by examining trends in the upper quantiles of maximum per cyclone intensity and by using homogeneous data derived from a set of satellite records. He finds a significant increasing trend in the per-cyclone maximum wind speed, results that have serious implications for life and property throughout tropical-cyclone prone areas of the globe.

Two major conferences were hosted by the Department; *Remote Sensing and Geospatial Technologies Conference* (with guest speaker, Marguerite Madden, the President of the *American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*), and *Reinvigorating Electoral Geography* (with guest speakers, Jon Agnew from UCLA and Fred Shelley from Oklahoma). Both were well attended and helped raise the profile of the Department.

The graduate programs remain strong with a record number of doctoral students in all branches of geography and over 30 master's students in the ever-popular geographic information science program. To support the programs we welcomed the latest addition to the faculty; **Tingting Zhao** comes to us from the dynamic Dan Brown stable at University of Michigan which explores global ecosystem primary production and vulnerability using remote sensing. Other news includes.... **Mark**

Horner, who remains the chair of the AAG's Spatial Analysis and Modeling Specialty Group and is active in the National Academies Transportation Research Board. **Phil Steinberg** co-authored two books: *Managing the Infosphere: Governance, Technology, and Cultural Practice in Motion*, and *What Is a City? Rethinking the Urban after Hurricane Katrina*. **Lisa Jordan** presented her research on human migration and climate change at the Social Dimensions of Climate Change Workshop, sponsored by the World Bank, in March. **Barney Warf** published his book *Time-Space Compression: Historical Geographies* and **Victor Mesev** published his on *Integration of GIS and Remote Sensing*. **Kelly Watson** had her article "Context and contingency: the coffee crisis for small-scale coffee producers in Brazil" accepted for publication in *The Geographical Journal*.

Doctoral students have also been very active and include, **Heather Gamper**, who received the International Dissertation University Fellowship to allow her to conduct research in Mexico; **Barbie Bischof** received an NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant for her dissertation on "Knowledge,

Networks, and the Spaces of Coral Reef Conservation;" **Bernadette Marion** accepted a research position with the Transportation Studies group at the University of Minnesota; and **Joni Downs** was hired as an Assistant Professor by the University of South Florida.

And on a lighter note, the inaugural faculty versus student soccer match witnessed deft moves from many and an exciting finish with the students winning 9-8.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS Askew School of Public Administration and Policy

Askew School has four new faculty

In the fall of 2007, the Askew School warmly welcomed our new faculty and staff. Our four new faculty members are **Robert**

J. Eger, Keon-Hyung Lee, David Matkin, and **Robert Lee**, along with our newest full time staff member,

Alegra Harrell and our part time OPS staff member, **Oaj Gilani** (Spring 2007).

Robert Eger is currently an Associate Professor at the Askew School. He received his B.S. in Social Science at University of Wyoming and received his MPA and Ph.D in Public Administration with a concentration in financial management at the University of Kentucky. Robert Eger has focused his primary research in public and nonprofit financial management which includes governmental accounting, public and nonprofit finance, and funds accounting for nonprofits. His teaching interests are in statistics, public and nonprofit financial management, and research methods. Eger has had opportunities to work with numerous organizations including the development of two new cities, the City of Chattahoochee in Hill County, GA and the city of South Fulton, GA. Eger has published on many topics including defense spending, tax evasion and auditing activity, as well as outsourcing in government.

Keon-Hyung Lee is an Associate Professor at the Askew School.



New Askew School faculty: l-r David Matkin, Keon-hyung Lee, and Robert Eger.

He received his B.S. in Business Administration at Ohio University, M.P.H. at Yale University, M.S. at Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in Public Administration at the University of Southern California. Before coming to FSU, Keon-Hyung Lee was a faculty member at Western Michigan University and the University of Central Florida. His research interests include health services administration and comparative public administration.

David Matkin, an Assistant Professor at the Askew School, received his B.S. in Recreation Management



and Youth Leadership at Brigham Young University. He received his MPA and Ph.D. at Brigham Young University and the

University of Kansas, respectively. Dr. Matkin's research examines multiple areas of public financial management, including internal control and accountability, debt financing, budget



New director of Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

Congrats to **Colonel John Czernis** for being named the director of the Florida Highway Patrol during a ceremony at the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles headquarters in Tallahassee in December 2007. He will be taking his doctoral exams in Public Administration in September 2008.

reform, interlocal cooperation, and economic development through state tax credits. David Matkin is elated about being a part of the School. His oldest son's doctor recently asked what brought Dr. Matkin and his family to Florida. Alyson, his wife, told the doctor that he is teaching public administration at Florida State University. With no hesitation, the doctor said, "The Askew School? That is an outstanding program!" Similar experiences have been fairly common during his short time in Tallahassee. Dr. Matkin says it is great to be one of the newest members of the Askew School family, and he is very humbled to take on the responsibility to continue a tradition of excellence that this School has built for so many years.

Sung-Wook Kwon, a Ph.D. student at the Askew School, has been awarded the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Pi Alpha Alpha Best Doctoral Paper Award. He received this prestigious award at the NASPAA meeting in October. Sung-Wook's paper that received the award is titled: "Regional Governance Institutions and Interlocal Cooperation for Service Delivery"



Dr. **Robert Lee** assumed the Professor of Practice, Senior Executive in Residence, a newly created faculty position to help build the Center for Florida Local Government Excellence, a partnership with the Florida City and County Management Association that President Wetherell announced in March, 2007.

Dr. Lee has had a distinguished career in local government, serving as a city administrator in three Florida cities — Lauderhill, Gulfport and Naples — since 1984. Dr. Lee has also demonstrated great skill in teaching as he has taught public administration classes at the University of South Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University, and local government professional development seminars for many years. Dr. Lee has been an active leader in the FL City and County Management Association, serving as a Board Member and President, as well as serving on many of the FCCMA's professional committees. Dr. Lee received his Master's of Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh, and his Doctorate of Public Administration from Nova Southeastern University.

Urban and Regional Planning

Department of Urban & Regional Planning

Over the 2007-2008 academic year the Department of Urban & Regional Planning (DURP) experienced tremendous success, with a record-setting incoming graduate class,

recognition as one of the nation's strongest urban planning graduate programs, and the awarding of state and national honors to several faculty and students. Founded in 1965, DURP is one of the nation's oldest and largest planning programs, having conferred graduate planning degrees to almost 1,200 students. Fall 2007 saw fifty-five new students enter DURP's graduate programs, the Department's second largest incoming class in its history.

In the 2009 *Guide to Graduate Urban Planning Programs*, Planetizen, an online network for planning, design, and development professionals, ranked FSU's DURP as the 19th best urban planning program in the nation.



Tim Chapin has been named Department Chair of Urban and Regional Planning.

Reflecting a very strong reputation in both the scholarly and professional communities, DURP ranked 17th in separate surveys of educators and practitioners. In addition, DURP was ranked 11th in faculty scholarly productivity, outperforming planning programs at Georgia Tech, Southern Cal, Michigan, Cornell,

and Pennsylvania. Lastly, FSU was ranked as one of the top programs in four specialty areas; Environmental Planning, Growth Management, Housing, Public Health.

Over the last year several DURP faculty were recognized for their

URP bids farewell to Colleagues

The Department of Urban & Regional Planning is sad to bid farewell to Professor **Charles Connerly** and Professor **Bruce Stiftel**, both of whom left FSU in July to take program director positions at the University of Iowa and the Georgia Institute of Technology, respectively. One of the nation's leading scholars in the area of housing policy, Dr. Connerly joined the DURP faculty in 1981. He served as Department Chair from 1998-2008. Dr. Stiftel, one of the planning academy's most influential leaders, came to FSU in 1983 serving as Department Chair from 1992-1998. Stiftel and Connerly co-edited the *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, one of the flagship journals in the discipline, from 1991-1996. During their tenure at FSU, Connerly and Stiftel played major roles in DURP's emergence as one of the nation's leading planning programs. They will be greatly missed for their leadership, scholarly contributions, community service, collegiality, and friendship.



Charles Connerly



Bruce Stiftel

contributions to planning scholarship and the field of planning. Professor **Charles Connerly**'s pioneering book on the topic of race and housing, *The Most Segregated City in America* (University of Virginia Press), was presented the Paul Davidoff Award. Associate Professor and incoming Department Chair **Tim Chapin** was elected to the Governing Board of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), a consortium of schools that offer planning degrees. Professor and former ACSP President **Bruce Stiffler** was the eighth recipient of the Jay Chatterjee Award, recognizing his service to planning programs throughout the nation. ACSP's Faculty Women's Interest Group elected Associate Professor **Rebecca Miles** as its new President. Lastly, several DURP faculty edited and contributed to *Growth Management in Florida: Planning for Paradise* (Ashgate Press), which was featured in the Spring 2008 issue of FSU's *Research in Review* magazine.

DURP students also were recognized by several awards and accomplishments. MSP student **Jacob Cremer** was named a Gubernatorial Fellow by the Governor's office, for which he will work in the Florida Department of Community Affairs (FDCA). Last summer, eight DURP students were awarded internships with FDCA, helping that agency meet its legislative mandate to create and sustain livable places throughout Florida. These are just a few of the many great accomplishments experienced by DURP's faculty and students, a program that remains one of the nation's strongest.

DeVoe Moore Center: *Continues to serve Florida and the Nation*

Virtually everything that the DeVoe Center was involved with over the 2007-2008 academic year had to do with land – how to develop it, how to regulate it, and how to preserve property owners' freedom to use it. Public land acquisition and public school siting are two major land use issues currently confronting the state of Florida that were addressed in the Center's Critical Issues Symposia. Top scholars from across the nation investigated the benefits and costs of the Florida Forever program, which is the largest land acquisition program in the U.S. We concluded that the program's benefits exceeded its costs and the conference participants strongly recommended that the program be continued. The Florida legislature subsequently extended this valuable program.

The symposium on school sitings was also very timely, given that school concurrency was recently added to Florida's growth management program. The conference participants included both academic experts and Florida policy-makers who presented papers on the how the location of new schools affect traffic congestion, commuting behavior, and, most controversial, urban sprawl.

The Lincoln Land Institute gave a grant to Professors **Tim Chapin** and **Keith Ihlanfeldt** to compare states with and without growth management programs in an

attempt to determine whether growth management has had tangible benefits. The project, which was conducted in concert with other researchers from across the country, found that growth management provides only modest beneficial impacts-on the environment, transportation options, housing affordability, and urban form. This conclusion is consistent with the Center's book on growth management in Florida, *Growth Management in Florida: Planning for Paradise*, which was published in 2007 by Ashgate Press and edited by Professors Chapin, Connerly, and Higgins of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.

We are pleased to welcome Tim Chapin, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, as a Center faculty member. Next year the Center will sponsor new courses that evaluate the impacts of land use regulation. These courses will be unique in that they provide "in the field" experiences that will give students an opportunity to interact with developers, land use attorneys, and urban planners in order to see the regulatory process from different perspectives, both private and public. The courses will be project-based, where students will actually work on a land use problem that needs a solution. Finally, we have three symposia planned that would be sponsored by the DeVoe Moore Center.

Demography and Population Health

Department Turns 40

The past year has been an important one for the Center for Demography and Population Health (CDPH). We have added an applied research group, improved the curriculum for the Master of Science in Demography, and sponsored a special lecture series and dinner to celebrate the Center's 40th birthday.

CDPH researchers have long been active in applied research. This tradition was strengthened during the past year with the addition of a Healthy Communities program under the leadership of Dr. **Melanie Simmons**. This group aims to provide academically sound and directly relevant policy analysis to public and private decision makers in Florida. The work is particularly important in helping to prepare students for careers in firms that depend on demographic and analytical expertise. Current topics include public transportation, smart growth and environmental health, and transportation concurrency. These multiyear agreements are expected to bring in over \$300,000 to support the research, including at least \$50,000 for the support of MS-Demography students. In view of the critical issues that face local and state government in Florida where empirically based analysis is needed, it is expected that the Healthy Communities group within CDPH will be increasingly beneficial in years to come.

The CDPH master's program in Demography was reviewed last year, along with other graduate programs in the College. With the guidance of external reviewer Dr. Steven Murdock, recently appointed by President Bush

to be Director of the US Bureau of the Census, the CDPH faculty has made several changes in the curriculum to enhance the quantitative preparation and multidisciplinary orientation of students. Structured so that it can be completed in one calendar year, the degree program now consists of nine courses plus a master's paper that pulls all the course work together in a capstone project. Many students have found paid internships in Washington, DC that have turned into career-line jobs, particularly at the Census Bureau. Prospective students have been very receptive to these changes: the cohort of nine students who are scheduled to begin the program in the fall represent a doubling of our average enrollment over the past twenty years.

Barbara (Babs) Rousseau, our longtime Grants Compliance Associate, retired after thirty-five years with FSU, all of it spent within CDPH in its current or prior incarnations. Babs retires following a university-wide reception and a dinner for close friends and associates.

With Babs' retirement, **Angela Perry** has joined CDPH as Grants Compliance Associate.

Woody Carlson, Charlie Nam, David Sly and Ike Ebertstin



The Center for Demography and Population Health at Florida State University celebrated the 40th anniversary of its founding on the weekend of March 1, 2008 with a public lecture and dinner/ reception for faculty, students, alumni, and other guests. The lecture was given to an overflow crowd of students and faculty in honor of Dr. Charles B. Nam, founding Director of the Center, by Dr. Jason Boardman, University of Colorado. His topic was "Social Demographic Perspectives on Behavioral Genetics: What do you get when you cross a sociologist, a demographer, and a behavioral geneticist?" Dr. Louis Pol (PhD, Sociology, 1978), Dean of the College of Business, University of Nebraska – Omaha, spoke at the dinner/ reception. His title was "Objects in the Rear-View Mirror May be Closer than you Think." The dinner was held in the historic Suwannee Dining Hall on the FSU campus.

CDPH was organized in the Department of Sociology in 1967 as "Population & Manpower Research Center." As the group became interdisciplinary, the name changed to the "Center for the Study of Population" and it moved to become an independent unit in the College of Social Sciences. The mission was broadened and the name changed again in 2001 with the addition of faculty working more explicitly on health research. The current agenda of the Center reflects the breadth of sixteen faculty associates along with a number of affiliates from across campus. CDPH offers graduate training leading to the Master of Science degree in Demography. Members of the CDPH faculty also participate in doctoral programs in their home departments. More information on CDPH is available at the website: <http://popcenter.fsu.edu>.

Your gift to the College's General Development Fund

Development

Enhances careers of undergraduate students

Each department in the College offers a terminal masters degree that is designed to enhance the career opportunities available to our fine undergraduate majors. The financial burdens of an extra year of school are often difficult for these students so we are offering partial tuition scholarships from the General Development Fund to offset these costs. These scholarships have played an important role in encouraging our best students to enter these programs that greatly enhance their career opportunities.

Assists First Generation Students in Financial Need

Students who are the first in their family to attend college and have demonstrated financial need can get help from FSU's Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE). This program has an excellent record of helping these students succeed at FSU. The Florida State Legislature in 2006 created the First Generation Matching Grant Program that provides about \$1.4 million in scholarship money for these students provided that the university matches the state contribution. Last year 45 of our students were in this program and we will now use some of our Annual Fund gifts to support these young people who are most in need of our support. Best of all, your dollars used for this purpose are doubled with the state match!



**National Association
of Business Economists**

Enriches leadership opportunities

Featured on the cover of this issue are leaders of three student organizations that are closely allied with the College of Social Sciences: the student chapter of the National Association of Business Economists, the World Affairs Program and the Global Peace Exchange. These organizations provide our undergraduates with outstanding leadership opportunities that include representing the group in the University and the broader community, recruiting members, organizing activities to keep members engaged, and finding the money to maintain their operations.

Student government and the Office of Student Affairs provide some support. Our student groups require funds for support of their social events, travel to conferences,



World Affairs Program



Global Peace Exchange

and other program activities. Your gifts to the College's Annual Fund make a key contribution to these groups as we help sustain these organizations.

Provides Scholarships for International Study

There is growing recognition that the international study helps students make their way in this increasingly global economy. Many recruiters from major corporations report that they favor candidates who have undergone this

broadening experience. This past year the Annual Fund provided nine scholarships to study in the Czech Republic, China, as well as at study centers in London, Florence, Panama and Valencia.

2007-2008 Summary

- Total giving to the College for the period July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 was \$3,228,019, an increase of more than \$622,000 (24%) over the 2006-2007 total of \$2,606,000.
- The Bernard Osher Foundation based in San Francisco, CA committed \$100,000 to the Pepper Institute on Aging to assist the Academy at FSU (the Institute's lifelong learning outreach program) over the next 18 months in expanding its course offerings and to increase its current membership from 275 to 500 members. When the Academy is successful in reaching that target level, it will be eligible to apply for a \$1 million endowment grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation that would help ensure long-term funding for the Academy at FSU.
- In her estate plan, Dr. Sheila R. Sheffield of Ochlocknee, GA included a bequest provision currently valued at \$120,000 to establish and fund the **Ruth Stewart Sheffield and Sheila Ruth Sheffield, Ph.D. Endowment Fund** within the Askew School of Public Administration & Policy.
- Former Political Science Professor Dr. Thomas R. Dye made a gift/pledge commitment of \$30,000 to establish and fund the **Thomas R. Dye Scholarship Endowment Fund** within the Political Science Department.
- Key improvements during 2007-2008 included the following:
 - a) The College had 30 donors who made gifts between \$5,000-\$9,999 (the previous year 14 donors made contributions in that gift range).
 - b) The College had 33 donors who made gifts between \$1,000-\$2,499 (the previous year 23 donors made contributions in that gift range).
 - c) The College had 43 donors who made gifts between \$500-\$999 (the previous year 28 donors made contributions in that gift range).
- The College had 1,070 donors during 2007-2008, a net decrease of 66 donors (6%) from the 2006-2007 total of 1,136 donors.



Jesse Colvin

While the at right, numbers show that the College continues to grow its overall base of support, both short & long-term, they fail to convey the impact and benefit to our students, faculty and programs which private support provides. COSS students are and will continue to be the #1 beneficiary of private support to the College, especially COSS annual fund gifts that are generally spent during the current fiscal year. All gifts, regardless of size, do matter when they are combined to help make wonderful things happen and help motivate a young person to change themselves and their world.

To each of our 2007-2008 donors and supporters as well as those who have supported the College in past years, thank you very much for your continued interest and generous support. We remain most grateful for and most appreciative of all your wonderful efforts on behalf of our students, our faculty and the College.

Introducing the Bellamy Society

The College is very pleased to announce the 2008-2009 launch of a new donor recognition society. The Bellamy Society will recognize donors to the College who provide annual unrestricted support at the following levels:

Bellamy level	\$1,000 - \$2,499
Garnet level	\$2,500 - \$4,999
Gold level	\$5,000 & above

Named for both the building, which the College has called home for over 30 years, and the person Dr. Raymond F. Bellamy, who founded & headed the Sociology Department and who during his 36-year career at FSU (1918-1956) taught classes in Anthropology, Economics, Political Science and Statistics, the purpose of The Bellamy Society is to encourage COSS alumni,

parents and friends to support the College at higher levels of annual giving and to recognize such donors appropriately. Bellamy Society members can designate their gifts either College-wide or to a specific Department or Program within the College.

Membership benefits will include special recognition in the 2009 COSS annual report (and each year thereafter), invitations to special COSS events (both campus and regional activities) and charter membership certificate (for 2008-2009 members only).

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BB&T Charitable Foundation Creates a Joint Program in Economics and Business

BB&T Corporation made a \$1.5 million gift to the Department of Economics and the College of Business to create the BB&T Program of Free Enterprise. This gift is intended to encourage a thorough discussion of the moral foundations of capitalism that is of the highest academic standard and open to all points of view. This program will be funded with an annual BB&T contribution of \$150,000 for 10 years.

FSU joins a distinguished list of universities that have instituted programs for the study of ethics and the institutions that make up a system of free enterprise: among the schools receiving this support from BB&T are Duke, UNC- Chapel Hill, Kentucky, Clemson, Florida, Virginia Tech and North Carolina State. BB&T Chairman and CEO John A. Allison stated that, "I am very impressed with the quality of both the College of Business and the Department of Economics at Florida State. There needs to be a deeper understanding of the morality of capitalism and its causal relationship to economic well-being. BB&T is proud to partner with Florida State in this important endeavor."

New Program in Economics attracts \$1.5 million gifts from the BB&T Charitable Foundation and the Charles G. Koch Foundation

The Department of Economics has announced a plan to create a Program for the Study of Political Economy and Free Enterprise and to develop a Program for Excellence in Economic Education within the Stavros Center for the Advancement

of Free Enterprise and Economic Education. These programs are intended to help fund new faculty positions, stimulate innovative educational programs for undergraduate students, and increase support for Ph.D. students.

Our goal is to raise \$7 million dollars to be spent over the next decade. It is hoped that this program will be funded by a consortium of individuals and foundations who are committed to improving free enterprise education and fostering research on the proper role of government in a free-market economy.

In August 2008 **John A. Allison, Chairman of BB&T**, announced that the **BB&T Charitable Foundation** would be the first partner in this ambitious enterprise. With a commitment of \$1.5 million to be paid over a 10 years, this gift will be used to hire a teaching specialist to teach economics courses primarily at the undergraduate level and support doctoral dissertation research on topics consistent with the purpose of the program.

The **Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation** is matching the BB&T gift and has committed \$1.5 million to pay new faculty members for a period of six years. The partnership with the Koch Foundation is designed to advance and expand research and teaching efforts relating to the economic impact of institutions and free enterprise. **Richard Fink, President of the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation**, said that "The Economics Department at FSU has an extraordinary record of teaching young people how free enterprise is a powerful force for improving the lives of people. We are pleased to help strengthen these efforts and to prepare future teachers of economics."

"We are extraordinarily grateful to the Charles G. Koch and BB&T Charitable Foundations for their generous support

for this bold new initiative in economics," said Dean David Rasmussen. "I believe that this program will greatly enhance the national stature of the Economics Department."

"BB&T is pleased to be the first institution to support this ambitious effort to create a world class program in the department of Economics at Florida State," Allison said.

Joe Cresse Honored with an Endowed Lecture Series

Led by Governor Reubin Askew, the many friends and colleagues of the late Joe Cresse have banded together to establish The Joseph P. Cresse Ethics in Government Distinguished Lecture Series and Educational Endowment Fund within the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy. Through September 1, 2008 they have raised \$180,500 in endowment support and \$10,000 in current support towards the overall goal of \$200,000 in private support for this project. The endowment portion will be eligible to receive an additional \$90,250 in special State of Florida matching funds, thus boosting the endowment total to \$270,720.

Governor Reubin Askew said that "Joe Cresse may well be the most able career service employee that state government has produced in modern times. He was a walking computer, totally honest and performed outstanding service."

The inaugural Joe Cresse lecture was held on October 7, 2008 and featured the Honorable David M. Walker, President and CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation. He previously served as the Comptroller General of the U.S and headed the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

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